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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Utility Model Unexamined Publication No. 1-163275, published on
November 14, 1989;

Japanese Utility Model Unexamined Publication No. 1-163280, published on
November 14, 1989; and

Japanese Utility Model Unexamined Publication No. 2-134385, published on
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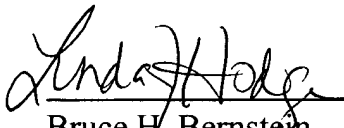
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent
documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a
PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to

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initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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